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Steve Stamatakis 2676 W. Gordon Creek Road Price, UT 84501

Re:

State of Utah Coal Mining Rules (Utah Administrative Code - R645), Lodestar Energy, Inc.,

Horizon Mine, ACT/007/020, Folder # 2, Carbon County Utah

Dear Mr. Stamatakis:

Please find enclosed a copy of the coal mining rules you recently requested. Of particular interest to you may be the sections in R645-301-700 (Hydrology) specifically R645-301-723 through R645-301-729, Sampling and Analysis, Baseline Information, Baseline Cumulative Impact Area Information and Probable Hydrologic Consequences Determination. The Division of Oil, Gas & Mining is responsible for regulating the mining industry in a manner that protects the environment and the interests of the State and its citizens according to these rules.

When reading the regulations you should to be aware that "Coal Mining and Reclamation Operations" refer to all coal mining while, some regulations will apply only to "Underground Coal Mining and Reclamation Activities" and others only to "Surface Coal Mining and Reclamation Activities."

Also included is a print out from an Internet search for environmental companies to assist you. The print out does not include all companies available within the state, but hopefully some companies on the list provide the services you are seeking.

If we can be of assistance or if you have any questions, please call me at (801-538-5325) or Sharon Falvey at (801-538-5260).

Sincerely,

Daron Haddock Permit Supervisor

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